



## In-line, skateboard, scooters and safety

Photos by Angela Elbern



(Above) — Jordan Williams, 12, is airborne at the skate ramp at Hickam.

(Top) — Quade Higgle, 8, Jordan Williams, 12, Dead Delrosario, 13, Zack Defalco, 11, and Jacob Defalco, 8, take command of this skate ramp, Jan. 20.

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Kukini Photojournalist

Rippers, ankle biters and anyone using a coaster-wheeled conveyance are not allowed on Hickam roadways, parking lots, sidewalks, or mall areas.

A coaster-wheeled conveyance is simply defined as any form object propelled afoot to include skateboards, in-line skates, roller skates, or a scooter.

The good news is that Hickam has a skateboard center in building 2065 inside the Singapore Hangar. It has a 60 x 30 keyhole bowl and a street course. The bowl looks like a wooden swimming pool for skateboarders and inline skaters to use.

The Singapore Hangar is more commonly referred to as the hangar or skateboard center. The hangar's fenced-in area is to be used only

during the skateboard centers hours of operation on Wednesdays and Thursdays 3 to 8 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays 3 to 9:30 p.m., and Sundays noon to 5 p.m.

When the skateboard center is closed, the only place on base that isn't a violation for a coaster-wheeled conveyance is on the established bicycle paths throughout the housing area and beach.

All individuals using coaster-wheeled conveyances are required to wear a safety helmet and to yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and vehicular traffic. However, this does not alleviate the motor vehicle operator of their responsibility to apply caution and care.

Anything other than that is a violation and individuals in violation of this may be issued a DD Form 1408, Armed Forces Traffic Ticket.

Traffic points will not be assessed, however, the traffic ticket report will be forwarded to the member or sponsor's unit commander for action. A very crucial

point since the violations of the skateboarder or in-line skater affect the servicemember in their family.

The simplest way to avoid a violation is to utilize the skateboard center and stay within the established bicycle paths throughout the housing area and beach.

The skateboard center offers a large bank that rolls into a quarter-pipe to a wedge-bank that covers more than 32 feet on the north end. It also has a large ledge to the center pyramid that travels down one side of the banked wall and the vertical ramp has an attached vertical wall.

The cost of admission is \$1 with required safety gear of a helmet, elbow and kneepads. If an individual is in need of the safety equipment, the skateboard center will rent the whole set for \$5.

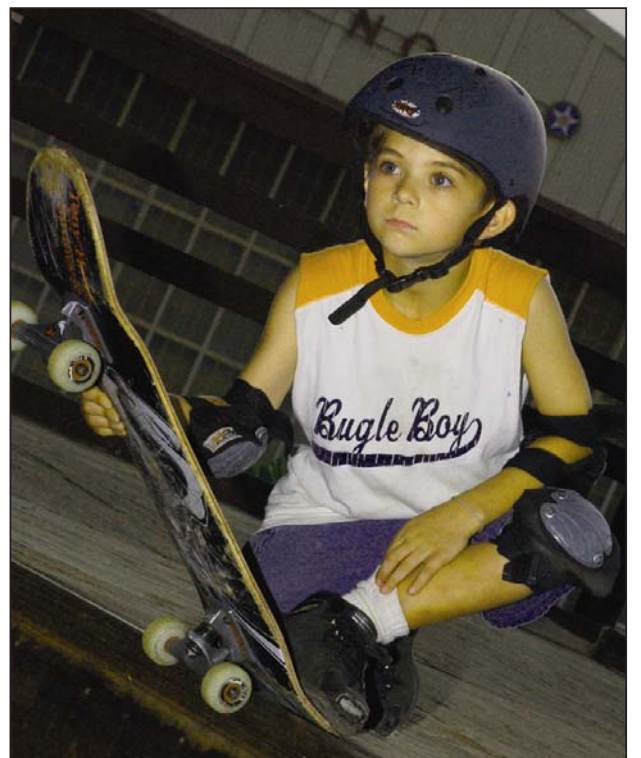
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Zack Defalco, 11, flies over this skate ramp.



Quade Higgle, 8, flips his board in the air.



Jacob Defalco, 8, relaxes at the skate ramp.



## AT THE MOVIES

Memorial Theater 448-2297 • CLOSED Monday and Tuesday

**Friday 7 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m.**

**The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe** – The book tells the story of Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy, who are separated from their parents in London during the German air raids of World War II. They are sent to the country for safety and find a magic wardrobe that transports them to the mystical world of Narnia, a once peaceful land of talking beasts, dwarfs and giants. However, Narnia has been frozen by the evil White Witch, and the kids must help the lion Aslan break the spell. Starring Tilda Swinton and Georgie Henley. Rated PG battle sequences and frightening moments.



**Saturday, Sunday at 7 p.m.**

**The Family Stone** – The Stones, a New England family, have their annual holiday gathering. The eldest son brings his girlfriend home to meet his parents, brothers and sisters. The bohemian Stones greet their visitor—a high powered, controlling New Yorker—with a mix of awkwardness, confusion and hostility. Before the holiday is over, relationships will unravel while new ones formed, secrets will be revealed, and the family Stone will come together through its extraordinary capacity for love. Starring Dermot Mulroney and Diane Keaton. Rated PG-13 for some sexual content including dialogue, and drug references.

**Wednesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.**

**Pride & Prejudice** – Popular Chicago weatherman, Dave Spritz, has a shot at the big time when a national morning television show calls him for an audition. Professionally, Dave is on the top of the world, but his personal life is in complete disarray. Dave’s painful divorce, his dad’s illness and trouble with his kids have him poised on the knife’s edge between stability and disaster. The harder he tries to control events, the more he finds life, like the weather, is completely unpredictable. Starring Keira Knightley and Matthew MacFayden. Rated R for strong language and sexual content.

## Team Hickam History: The Air Force’s most historic airfield

**Jan. 28, 1942** – The 15th Air Depot Group (predecessor to the 15th Maintenance Group) activated at Duncan Field, Texas.

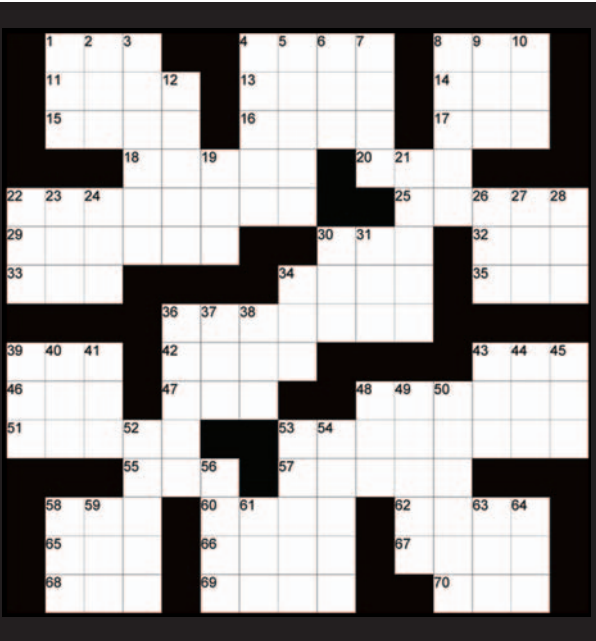
**Jan. 27, 1949** – The 6502d Composite Wing was discontinued and Hickam AFB transferred under the command of Headquarters Pacific Air Command (PACAIR-COM).

**Jan. 31, 1979** – The 15th

Security Forces Squadron (then-15th Security Police Squadron) emblem (patch) was officially approved by the Air Force Historical Research Agency.

**Jan. 28, 1986** – The explosion of the space shuttle Challenger resulted in the death of all aboard, including Hawaii-born astronaut Lt Col Ellison Onizuka, and temporarily suspended that part of the 15 ABW mission concerned with providing an alternate or emergency base for contingency landings. More than 1,500 members of the 15 ABW, lined up for a scheduled open-ranks inspection at base operations, were shocked when the wing commander stepped up to the podium and informed them of the disaster.

Crossword Puzzle: **Combatant Commands**



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**ACROSS**

- 1. Sphere
- 4. Scout's group, in short
- 7. Collect, as in poker winnings (two words)
- 10. Baseball Hall of Fame

- pitcher Don
- 13. Card gam
- 14. Gen. Wallace M. \_\_\_\_, Jr.; 23rd Commandant of the USMC
- 15. USN ship starters
- 16. MCI competitor
- 17. Countdown starter
- 18. Unit of work
- 20. Compounds containing

- potassium used as fertilizers
- 22. Functioning
- 24. Overused expressions
- 26.USMC SSgt.Ambrosia \_\_\_\_; MoH recipient (Korea)
- 27. Tolkien character
- 28. Girl's toy
- 30. Scottish girl
- 31. USMC SgtMaj Lewis G. \_; 13th SgtMajMC
- 32. Boring
- 36. Charged particles
- 38. Time part, in short
- 41. USMC MGySgt Leland“Lou”\_\_\_\_; “Marine's Marine” icon
- 43. USMC Maj. Gen. Wendell C. \_\_\_\_; 5th Commandant of the USMC
- 46. Without cash, words heard in stores
- 47. Sword
- 48. Former Austrian currency code
- 49. NBC rival
- 51. Demeanor
- 52. Group on Law & Order
- 53. Ventilate
- 55. More hesitant
- 57. Respectable
- 58. Gazelle relatives
- 59. Shaq's org.

- 60. Mil. identification
- DOWN**
- 1. Oklahoma airport, in code
- 2. Discuss again
- 3. Delivered, as in a child
- 4. Dresser
- 5. Item to reproduce pattern on surface beneath
- 6. Dined
- 7. Fix a shoe
- 8. USMC PFC Oscar P.\_\_\_\_; MoH recipient (Vietnam)
- 9. Snare
- 10. USMC enlisted rank
- 11. Ryan and Ed
- 12. Bundles of fibers made

- of neurons
- 15. Item scanned at store, in short
- 19. USMC officer rank
- 21. Perform
- 23. Mil. pay during PCS
- 25. Dense
- 26. USMC Col. John H. \_\_\_\_; first American to orbit Earth
- 29. Zodiac sign
- 32. Ecosystems
- 33. Dog star
- 34. MDs' professional org.
- 35. USMC Gen. Thomas \_\_\_\_; 17th Commandant of the USMC

- 37. Installments
- 38. Drink slowly
- 39. Struck out
- 40. Erases
- 41. Cell material
- 42. Astronomer's sight
- 44. USMC Col. Jay R. \_\_\_\_; MoH recipient (Vietnam)
- 45. Places for MDs
- 50. Pig's place
- 51. USMC Col. Gregory “Pappy” Boyington was one
- 54. Cartoon \_\_\_\_ & Stimp
- 56. Hostel

**See Solutions, B4**

Staff Sgt. Marylee Sangalang

352nd Information Operations Squadron



**The 352nd IOS rocks because:** Because even though we are one of the smallest units on base we have a dominating spirit and esprit de corps. We have won multiple sports day competitions to the point that Hickam had to retire one of its trophies. We won the 05 CMSgt James C. Swindle Outstanding Communications Unit Award. We have been one of the main supporters of the Junior Achievers program and over the past year collectively taught over 500 children from 1st through sixth grade.

**My job affects all of Hickam in that:** I maintain the voice and email data collection systems on Hickam. Because of my job the amount of OPSEC violations has decreased dramatically.

**When not at work, I spend my off duty time:** Enjoying the Hawaii paradise with my daughter. We enjoy the wonderful beaches here and take every opportunity to expand and broaden our cultural experiences.

**Something people don't know about the 352nd IOS:** I don't think a lot of people know we even exist on base because of the job we do and the size of our squadron.

**If I could change one thing about Hickam, it would be:** If I could change one thing about

Hickam, it would be to make it more family oriented or at least increase the advertisement of these events. I'm sure there is more going on but I never seem to hear about it.

**What the supervisor has to say:** Sergeant Sangalang has been an invaluable asset to the 352nd IOS since her arrival. She was placed in a work center outside her career field yet she quickly caught on and excelled in training.

Her initiative and drive thrust her into the middle of a \$75,000 fiber optic infrastructure upgrade where she quickly took control and ensured it was completed ahead of schedule. She has set a very high standard for others to follow. She is one of the first to volunteer for deployments and her dedication is a notch above others. Not only does she donate her personal time to base functions and professional organizations such as AFSA, she is also our unit's Booster Club Vice President and an elementary school mentor teaching Junior Achievement classes.

Her efforts are personally responsible for raising more than \$3,000 towards unit moral and relief efforts for devastated countries. SSgt Sangalang is one of the rare individuals that impact everyone she comes in contact with in a positive manner.



SOLUTIONS, From B3





# PGA member enhances Mamala Bay

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George Hutchison, Jr., is a Professional Golf Association assistant golf professional at Hickam's Mamala Bay Golf Course.

After retiring from 23 years in the Army, he sought after the golf business.

He started back in 1991 as a starter, arriving at Mamala Bay in 1996 as the operations manager.

"I started in the golf business in 1991 with the Army as a starter and stayed at Fort Shafter until 1996," said Mr. Hutchison. "After I retired, I looked for a job just to become a starter in the golf business. A starter is when you get people on the tee box and get them going on a round of golf."

"I was doing that and playing a little bit of golf," he continued. "Some guy suggested for me to get some extra income by becoming a PGA golf professional."

This was the beginning of him pursuing his goals.

"That was back in 2000," said Mr. Hutchison. "First what I had to do was pass a players ability test. After I passed that at several attempts, then I registered in the PGA program."

Mr. Hutchison had to wait one year to get into the program, because the program did not offer enough placement for everyone.

"Finally I started. There are three levels on the PGA program," said Mr. Hutchison. "It is called the professional golf management program and that is equal to a four-year college degree."

Mr. Hutchison completed the professional golf management program,



Photo by Kirsten Tacker

**George Hutchison Jr, Mamala Bay operations manager, putts around the golf course. He is a Professional Golf Association golfer.**

but not without many challenges dealing with a full-time work schedule, family, and battling personal and family health issues.

"He's made a lot of sacrifices," said Charlie Neconie, assistant instructor at Mamala Bay Golf Course.

"I did this so I could become a teacher," said Mr. Hutchison. "I love to teach and give golf lessons. During the summer time I run the junior golf program here at Mamala Bay. Eleven months of the year I run a program called link up to golf, which has to be run by a PGA member or PGA apprentice."

Teaching was Mr. Hutchison's ambition to complete the PGA six-year program, with each level to be completed in two years.

"You have to do this on your own time," said Mr. Hutchison. "I had to do a lot of research work especially when it came to financial data. They actually wanted you to use data from the golf course."

The PGA program taught Mr. Hutchison all aspects of the golf course business, as well as teaching instructors how to teach juniors, adults and disabled.

"I have one disabled child that I've taught for about two years," said Mr. Hutchison. "He has Down syndrome. I found out right away with him, as long as I took an interest in what he was interested in I could get him to hold a golf club, chip, putt and take a full swing."

Besides teaching being the best part for him, there is something he loves even more.

"Customers, people, I love the people," Mr. Hutchison said with gusto. "I love talking to them. You learn a lot about people that play at your golf course, just by talking to them."

Mr. Hutchison has discovered when you relate it to other sports people learn much faster and consequently when you talk with people you can learn how to curtail teaching

to their learning style.

"The ultimate accomplishment I've had was teaching Gen. Patrick Gamble," he recalled. "He took numerous lessons from me. He was the (Pacific Air Forces) commander. That was great because he was shooting in the 120 range and I got him down shooting in the low 90's."

General Gamble is now retired. Another of Mr. Hutchison's triumphs is Brig. Gen. Andrew Dichter.

"The other great accomplishment I've had was General Dichter," said Mr. Hutchison.

Before he left Hickam, General Dichter's aspiration was to shoot somewhere within the 70's range at least one time.

"The day he left this base we went out and played 18 holes together," said Mr. Hutchison. "He shot 79 and the first five holes were in a downpour. So that was a great accomplishment for him. He enjoyed that like nobodies business."

According to fellow golfer and friend Barb Silva, Hutch is always willing to help anyone with their golf game.

"I've been a PGA apprentice since 2001," said Mr. Hutchison. "At the graduation ceremony for becoming a PGA member, tears came into my eyes it was very emotional."

As of April 16, Mr. Hutchison will have been at Hickam's Mamala Bay for 11 years.

"For Hutch, his goals are achieving the highest level in management through the PGA," shared Mr. Neconie. "Once you get to know him, he's got a heart of gold."